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REPORT

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1. Between 1800 and 2220 on 25 September 1954, many columns passed over the northern road bridge in Magdeburg and proceeded toward east. The columns included a total of 19 x 57-mm AT guns, 8 x 85-mm AT guns, 8 x 120-mm mortars, 10 light AA guns, 15 armored scout cars, 18 armored personnel carriers, 28 radio trucks, 26 tank trucks, 4 ambulances, 9 sedans, 5 motorcycles, 5 field kitchens and 319 trucks.

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2. At 1530 on 27 September, a train of 11 flatcars and 8 boxcars passed through the Rathenow railroad station. The train came from a westerly direction and proceeded toward Nennhausen. It carried JS-2 trucks, radio truck 5 T-34 tanks 2 ambulance and approximately 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 2
3. At 0500 on 29 September, the following shipment was unloaded at the Rathenow Nordbahnhof: 24 to 30 mortars, presumably of 120-mm caliber, 2 radio trucks, 3 repair shop trucks, approximately 60 other trucks 3 field kitchens, billeting equipment, ammunition and approximately 300 soldiers. The detrained unit subsequently left for the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow. 3

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4. On 21 September, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, 35 trucks and approximately 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded onto a train of 43 flatcars and 10 boxcars in Prora on Ruegen Island. The train left at 1500.

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5. At 1700 on 24 September, a column of 23 x 57-mm AT guns, 48 trucks and 6 radio trucks passed through Samtens on Ruegen Island and proceeded toward Ruegendamm. The trucks were occupied by approximately 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets carrying full field equipment.

6. At 1900 on 26 September, several columns totaling 200 to 300 trucks and 10 x 85-mm AT guns were seen on the Friesack-Nauen road; they proceeded toward Brandenburg via Nauen. On 26 September, the Nauen-Friesack road was reportedly blocked between 2200 and midnight. During this period, Soviet columns proceeded toward Brandenburg on this road.

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7. At about 2115 on 26 September, a column of at least 50 trucks including some towing AT guns and carrying soldiers with full field equipment passed through Brandenburg. 4

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Comment.

these columns, probably of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, were the same which were also observed by another source. These elements presumably transferred to the Burg area.

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the train carried a detail of the unidentified Tank Tng Bn of the 25th Tank Div which probably returned from firing at Letzling Heath. Other information indicated that the detail had been entrained in Prenzlau on 20 September and had transferred to the RBD Magdeburg

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The return of units of the 6th Arty Div from Altengrabow to Rathenow, which was observed by several sources after 26 September, apparently continued on 19 September. elements of the 65th Mort Brig were involved.

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On 21 and 24 September, units of the 4th AT Arty Brig from Prora on Ruegen Island probably transferred to exercises. The columns observed in the Friesack-Nauen-Brandenburg area probably belonged to this brigade and the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig from Rostock. Elements of the 3d Gds AT Brig had been observed passing through Brandenburg on 27 September by source of paragraph 7. Units of the two brigades were probably to participate in the exercises of the reinforced IX Mtz Rifle Corps.

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